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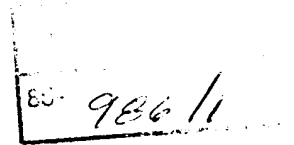
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Washington, D. C. 20505



13 March 1985

Mr. James L. Srodes



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Dear Mr. Srodes:

I understand that you have already been in touch with the Agency's Director of Public Affairs, George V. Lauder, concerning the biography you plan on Allen Dulles' life and he has told you about the problem of getting access to files here.

I would be happy to answer some questions regarding my personal association with Mr. Dulles. You could arrange this through George Lauder.

I can also suggest some other sources and records. Do you know about the Dulles biography which has been in writing for almost a decade now by a man named Smith who wrote a book about OSS?


Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. J. Casey".

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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Hon. William J. Casey  
 Director  
 U.S. Central Intelligence Agency  
 Washington, D.C. 20505

January 25, 1985

Dear Mr. Casey,

You may recall me from my days as the Forbes Magazine bureau chief here who covered your career at the SEC and later at the EXIM Bank. For the past ten years I have operated my own financial news agency serving clients here and abroad and most recently I was the co-author of a book on the business fraud John Z. DeLorean.

A year ago, Mrs. Eleanor Dulles asked me if I would consider undertaking a biography of her later brother Allen Dulles. I did not accept immediately but my interest was sparked. Since then my agency travels have taken me to Paris, London and Pretoria and I have done some preliminary document searching. I also have waded through the rather lengthy shelf of books about the Dulles family. I was surprised by the generally superficial quality of most of them and perhaps because I come from a younger generation I found that the partisan attitudes about the clan to get in the way of measuring their undeniably large place in history.

I now believe that a biography of Allen Dulles should be undertaken. His is an important story. It spans the infancy of America's intelligence efforts in World War I and confronts issues which are with us today. His life is the stuff of vital history; his fidelity of purpose stands out all the more graphically today perhaps because we are in the midst of one of those episodes of public ambivalence about America's role in the world.

I well understand the controversies that surround Allen Dulles and the sensitivity of much of the matter dealing with his career at the Agency. I can also understand your hesitancy to lend any support to such an undertaking.

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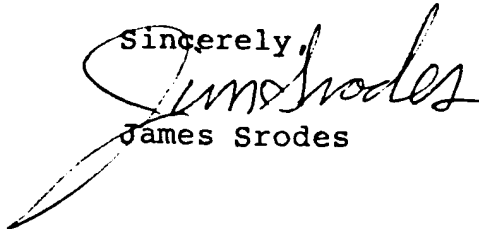
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You know me well enough to appreciate that I could not produce an "authorized" biography. But I hope you also know me well enough to believe that I would not gratuitously do anything that would embarrass you or the Agency. I would abide by any guidelines that we agree upon, you have my word on that as well.

I will be traveling next week but on my return I will call your office to see if you find it convenient to give me an appointment to discuss this matter further. Thank you for hearing me out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Srodes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "James Srodes".

James Srodes